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Joyce Murret

Mrs. JOYCE O'BRIEN, nee Murret, born February 23, 1927 at New Orleans, Louisiana, residence 1615 Fairway Street, Beaumont, Texas, advised that when visiting her mother, Mrs. CHARLES MURRET, 757 French Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, in August, 1963, she received a telephone call from LEE HARVEY OSWALD in jail in New Orleans, requesting that she post $25.00 bond to permit him to get out of jail. She went to the New Orleans Police Department and was informed by a police officer that OSWALD was charged with disturbing the peace for carrying a poster. She was shown a homemade cardboard on a stick with the words "VIVA CASTRO" and pamphlets attached, which she did not read. She thereupon decided against the bond and went to a hospital where her mother had an eye operation that morning.

Later, because of the circumstances of OSWALD's wife, she decided to return to the police department and she talked to an officer who advised her against providing the bond because OSWALD might not appear for trial. He also advised that OSWALD could be released without bond upon the request of a politician or elected official.

Mrs. O'BRIEN returned to her mother's home where she received another call from OSWALD inquiring about the delay in his release. She told him she did not have the money and that possibly he could be released upon request of an elected official. OSWALD rejected the proposal and asked her to contact his wife, who had the money.

Mrs. O'BRIEN then telephoned a Mr. EMILE BRUNEAUX, Texas who had been a friend of her father, and advised him of OSWALD's situation and he agreed to help. Mr. BRUNEAUX later called and advised he had contacted a politician or official, name not recalled, and that OSWALD had been released. Soon afterwards, OSWALD called thanking her for obtaining his release. He was not told who securred his release but was aware that it was a special favor. OSWALD promised to appear in court.

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Mrs. O'BRIEN left New Orleans for Beaumont the following day, a Sunday, and heard nothing from OSWALD or concerning the disposition of the charges against him. She had been in New Orleans several days but never actually saw OSWALD on that trip.

Mrs. O'BRIEN advised that she has known her cousin, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, since he was a very small child, noting that she was several years older than he. Mrs. O'BRIEN vaguely recalled that her mother met her sister, Mrs. MARGUERITT OSWALD, in New Orleans when LEE HARVEY OSWALD was two or three years old and because of Mrs. OSWALD's poor circumstances, LEE resided with Mrs. MURRET for some time, perhaps a year or two. Later, Mrs. OSWALD married a man, name unknown, who is now deceased, and moved to some place in Texas, taking LEE HARVEY OSWALD with her. At that time, OSWALD was still pre-school age. Thereafter, Mrs. O'BRIEN had little contact with the OSWALD family. She recalled that on an occasion when his brother, ROBERT OSWALD, was hospitalized in Texas for surgery, LEE HARVEY OSWALD visited the MURRET family in New Orleans for about a week. OSWALD was then a young boy of about junior high school age.

Mrs. O'BRIEN advised that after LEE HARVEY OSWALD left school she knew very little about his activities. She and her husband learned through news media that he had gone to Russia but did not know of his return until the summer of 1963. About July, 1963 Mrs. O'BRIEN was visiting her mother in New Orleans when OSWALD called Mrs. MURRET and he brought his Russian wife, who was pregnant and their small child, to Mrs. MURRET's home for a visit of a few hours. At that time, OSWALD did little talking and volunteered no information concerning his past activities or associations. He left the impression that he was pleased to be back in the United States. When Mrs. LEE HARVEY OSWALD was asked how she liked America, she stated "Me like America. Lee no like Russia. Lee no like America. Lee like moon."

Mrs. O'BRIEN advised that as a small child OSWALD was outgoing and friendly. It was her understanding that after moving to Texas, his mother was employed and required him to stay home alone. She recalled that during his visit to New Orleans as a young boy of junior high school age, he stayed inside and watched television and read, which was not considered normal for a boy of that age. Mrs. O'BRIEN expressed the belief that OSWALD lived completely within himself and had built up strong personal beliefs within himself and was "against everything". She was unable to furnish any information or explanation concerning OSWALD's involvement with the Cuban groups, either pro-Castro or anti-Castro.

Mrs. O'BRIEN advised that her husband, EMILE O'BRIEN, is employed as a high school coach and teacher and that they are active in the Catholic church. Friends and associates in Beaumont are not aware of her relationship to OSWALD.